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TAGS: ETEL, ETRN, PN, PQ

SUBJECT: AGREEMENT RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS CABLE

REFS: (A) PANAMA 1437; (B) PANAMA 1758; (C) BURNS-DANIELS

TELECON 28 MARCH

1. CONFIRMING REF (C), DEPT. FAVORS DELETION FROM PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF NOTES REF (A) PROVISION FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF CABLE TO GOP AT PRESENT TIME. UNDER PROVISIONS FOREIGN EXCESS PROPERTY LAWS AGENCY CONTROLLING PROPERTY IN QUESTION MUST DETERMINE PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR DISCHARGE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES. AT PRESENT, NOT CLEAR WHETHER CABLE CONTROLLED BY DOD OR FAA, AND FORMAL DETERMINATION, WHICH MUST BE MADE IN WASHINGTON, NOT YET MADE; IN ADDITION, QUESTION EXISTS WHETHER PROPERTY COULD BE DECLARED EXCESS  
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UNTIL MICROWAVE SYSTEM OPERATIONAL.

2. FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT, AFTER MICROWAVE SYSTEM BECOMES OPERATIONAL, ONLY PORTION OF CABLE OUTSIDE CANAL ZONE BE TRANSFERRED TO GOP.

3. ACCORDINGLY, WE PLAN TO PROPOSE TO SECRETARY PURSUANT CIRCULAR 175 THAT FOLLOWING CHANGES BE MADE IN PROPOSED NOTE REF (A):

(A) DELETE PARA. 4 (BEGINNING "RATHER THAN FURTHER EXTEND..." ) IN ENTIRETY.

(B) ADD FOLLOWING PARA. IMMEDIATELY BEFORE COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE: QTE IF THE FOREGOING PROPOSALS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE AND YOUR EXCELLENCY'S REPLY AGREEING THERETO SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS WHICH SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DATE OF YOUR EXCELLENCY'S NOTE. UNQTE

4. WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT, INSTEAD OF PLACING WORDS "THE CABLE" IN QUOTATION MARKS EACH TIME THEY OCCUR, (1) WORDS QTE (THE "CABLE") UNQTE (CAPITAL C) BE INSERTED IN FIRST PARA. OF NOTE FOLLOWING WORDS "RELATING TO A COMMUNICATIONS CABLE", AND (2) WORD "CABLE" BE INDICATED WITH INITIAL CAPITAL LETTER AT EACH FOLLOWING OCCURRENCE.

5. WE DO NOT EXPECT THAT CIRCULAR 175 WILL BE APPROVED IN TIME TO PERMIT EXCHANGE OF NOTES TO TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO EXPIRATION CURRENT AGREEMENT 31 MARCH. WE SEE NO DIFFICULTY, HOWEVER, IN APPLYING PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS PROVISIONALLY AFTER 31 MARCH PENDING COMPLETION OF FORMALITIES, PROVIDED GOP AGREEABLE. WE WILL ADVISE IMMEDIATE WHEN SECRETARY APPROVES. KISSINGER

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